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To Whom this May Concern:

I wish to voice my option on the Microsoft settlement as a University student, a user of Microsoft products, and as a citizen of our great nation. I am strongly opposed to the penalties on Microsoft, there penalties are weak and need to be changed. I agree with the 9 states who are now, seeking there own settlement, but now unfortunately my home state New York has settled.

Microsoft is a monopoly, the operation system market, which yes, is not as important as it is now...is still the heart of the soul of the computer. Microsoft is restricting knowledge and innovation, we are now still working on the same system which for me is the same as Windows 95, now XP comes and has more bells and whistles, yet no innovation.

Open Source, Linux...innovation is key.

I use both OS and I love Linux, personally, but that is not the issue. The issue of microsoft giving away computers to schools, only degrades the presence of Apple in education. Further strengthening an already powerful company.

Where is the protection for not-for-profit companies?

How many times have I gone onto a web site and saw ".../cgi-bin/...", cgi-bin= perl scripting, simple as that. what is perl, well it was created by not-for-profit companies.

Does a writer compose a book, only to let a person put it on there shelf and make them self's look smart by it?

Does a engineer design a skyscraper, with out an independent body of their PEERS to review there work?

Does a company create a product, which requires other products (which is only available by the company), to do ANYTHING useful, then forces other companies out of business...just because they have a good idea?

The computer net we know today, the net of yesterday (ARPANET) and the net of tomorrow has been build on innovation by people of great skill in universities trying in their own way to change the world. The men and woman who created everything we take for grated today are long forgotten is history and a wealthy businessman who took innovation off the backs of others, now intends to stop the innovation which made is vision a reality.

I ask you again, as an American,
Please reconsider your penalty,
John Gerald Casey